

The Fireflies

Pre-Kindergarten

Welcome to Pre-K. All of the children in our class will be eligible for Kindergarten the next school year. We are very excited about working with your child this year and having a wonderful Pre-K experience.

Curriculum

At the beginning of the school year, the children will work on the letter Aa. The second week the children will work on the letter Bb and we will progress through the alphabet until we get to the letter Zz. We will spend about one week on each letter. While learning each letter, we will explore recognition of the letter, differentiating between upper and lower case, letters sounds, words that begin with the letter, and writing the letter. Math skills will include number and shape recognition, dot-to-dot activities, matching, writing numbers and drawing shapes, etc. The computer programs we use will reinforce the concepts the children are learning on a daily basis.

At this age, we strive to make learning a fun, hands-on experience. We praise the children throughout the day. Life skills, such as manners and respect, will be taught and used on a daily basis.

The children will learn through large and small group instruction. Our classroom will also incorporate learning centers for independent, hands-on learning with art, letters, math, science and other subject areas. The children will learn all the areas needed to begin Kindergarten through independent and teacher instructed activities. Developmentals will be sent home in December and May. Please look them over closely to see your child's progress. Should you want to meet to review your child's progress at anytime, please let me know and we will schedule a time that meets both of our needs.

Circle time begins at 9:00 am each day. If your child arrives after that time, please have them join us quietly to avoid disruptions.

Newsletters detailing events and activities are sent home on a monthly basis. Weekly themes and other information is posted on our dry erase board outside our classroom and also on our door. Please be sure to read these over prior to dropping off or picking up your child.

Parent Participation

We have an open door policy and welcome you to visit your child at anytime. However, to avoid distractions, we ask that you take your child out of the room when visiting. Throughout the year we will post sign-up sheets for special occasions. Please do not feel obligated to sign up every time. However, when you do sign up, please remember that we are counting on your contribution on that date. From time to time, we will also be asking for special items that your child will need to complete activities and/or projects.

Please be sure to send these items in when requested. Each child in Pre-k will have an opportunity to be the “Star of the Week” for one week. During that time the children will be able to share things about him/her such as family pictures, favorite activities, favorite snack and movie, etc. Please be sure to participate when your child is our star! Holiday parties and festivities are always well staffed and we rarely need extra help on these days. Please be on the look out for times when we need assistance from our parents.

Meals

Breakfast is served from 5:45 am to 8:30 am. If your child arrives after 8:30 am, they must be fed at home. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. If your child arrives after 12:30, please be sure they have already eaten. All breakfast and lunch items should be in disposable bags or wrap (no Tupperware). A thermos for hot food is acceptable but must be taken home each night to be washed thoroughly. We cannot microwave lunches; any lunch that needs to be served hot should be heated and brought in a thermos. Angels Alley will provide all utensils, plates, bowls, and beverages to the children at all meals. Please be sure that all items and lunches are labeled with your child’s name. There is a refrigerator in the Lovebugs classroom for lunches to be stored.

Rest Time

We are required by law to ensure that all children receive a rest period during their day with us. If your child arrives at school prior to 1:30 pm, he/she must rest on a cot. Please be sure your child has a crib size sheet and small blanket for rest time. Small pillows and/or stuffed toys are allowed if they are able to fit in your child’s back pack. Other than rest time, toys from home are not permitted.

Birthday/Celebrations

Birthdays and special occasions are very important for the children and we welcome parents to bring in special treats (cupcakes, donuts, treat bags, hats, etc.). If you would like to order pizza for the class, we can give you the name of a local pizzeria who delivers to our school. We ask that you place the order and provide us with the money to pay for the delivery. We will inform you of the number of children in the classroom that day. Parents are always welcome to enjoy the celebration with their child. Formal party activities, such as clowns, games, magicians, pinatas, etc, will not be permitted during school. In addition, invitations should not be distributed in school, however, we will give you parent’s extension numbers for your to contact them directly.

Other Information

Wednesday is our classroom movie day. Please feel free to send in G-Rated movies on that day. The children in the Fireflies are expected to be able to use the bathroom independently. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child and avoid dressing him/her in belts, suspenders, or difficult snaps.

Each child has a folder. Please check his/her folder each day for important papers and information. The folder should be empty every day your child attends.

Health

If your child has any allergies, please be sure to share that with one of the classroom teachers so that they may be added to the classroom allergy chart. Please see the Angels Alley policy on Medication Administration and Illnesses in the Parent Handbook.

We believe it is very important to accommodate parents while simultaneously conducting a structures, pleasant, and educational classroom. An environment where children will feel safe and adequately prepared for school is what we strive for each day. After doing this for many years, we feel that the policies and procedures we have described will allow us to accomplish our mission. Your respect and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime with your questions or concerns.

Miss Cindy

